

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are pending as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device comprising a liquid crystal display element having a pair of substrates and liquid crystal sandwiched between a pair of substrates and a backlight unit which is arranged at a side opposite to a display surface of the liquid crystal display element
the backlight unit comprising
a light guide body;
a plurality of light sources, which are arranged at least along one side surface of the light guide body at a plurality of positions, whose distances from a display surface of the liquid crystal display element are different, each of the plurality of light sources being separated from each other and irradiating light to the liquid crystal display element;
a reflection member which, in conjunction with the light guide body, covers the plurality of light sources therein along said side surface of the light guide body, said reflection member having shielding means which is arranged between every two light sources of the plurality of light sources to prevent each light source from receiving light directly from any other light source; and
a housing member which houses the light guide body, the plurality of light sources and the reflection member,
wherein the reflection member and the shielding means are made of metal, the housing member is at least partially made of metal, and the reflection member is thermally connected with the metal portion of the housing member.
2. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein at least two light sources are arranged along one side surface of the light guide body, and at least two more light sources are arranged along another side surface of the light guide body which are disposed opposite to the one side surface of the light guide body.
3. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein surfaces of the reflection member and the shielding means which face the respective light sources in an opposed manner form reflection surfaces.
- 4-5. (Cancelled).